# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF ONION
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the area of land under cultivation of onion and total production of onion during each of last five years, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to support the cultivators in case of fall in prices during the each of last five years?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The State-wise estimates of area and production of onion during the years 1997-98 to 2001-02 are given in Annexure.

(b): At the request of State Governments, Government of India procure onion from thefarmers under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) through National Agricultural CooperativeMarketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) and the concerned State agencies when the price falls below the economic level. During last five years, only during 1999-2000 procurement was undertaken for onion. The Government had allowed procurement of 65,000 tonnes of onion in Maharashtra under MIS in that year.

State-wise Area and Production of Onion during 1997-98 to 2001-02

| State | Area (Thousand Hectares) | | | | | Production (Thousand Tonnes) | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 99-2000 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 99-2000 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 21.0 | 31.1 | 35.1 | 30.3 | 31.8 | 328.0 | 478.3 | 522.7 | 536.5 | 559.5 |
| Assam | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 17.9 | 18.0 | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.5 |
| Bihar | 18.1 | 20.4 | 20.0 | 13.8 | 14.9 | 137.9 | 193.0 | 212.3 | 140.8 | 134.4 |
| Chhattisgarh | $ | | 3.3 | 3.7 | | 26.5 | 32.8 | | | |
| Gujarat | 20.9 | 52.2 | 19.9 | 6.4 | 24.2 | 619.0 | 1462.1 | 450.7 | 131.2 | 640.2 |
| Haryana | 1.7 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 12.2 | 14.9 | 26.9 | 44.1 | 60.1 | 153.9 | 236.9 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | - | - | - | 0.4 | 0.5 | - | - | - | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| Karnataka | 91.0 | 93.6 | 125.7 | 120.3 | 124.3 | 517.4 | 508.4 | 594.7 | 665.4 | 692.8 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 22.3 | 25.3 | 27.5 | 19.4 | 21.5 | 281.8 | 337.6 | 366.3 | 272.7 | 307.5 |
| Maharashtra | 96.7 | 103.9 | 112.6 | 118.1 | 107.7 | 907.7 | 1183.6 | 1392.6 | 1687.5 | 1306.5 |
| Manipur | - | - | - | 0.4 | 0.6 | - | - | - | 0.7 | 1.4 |
| Meghalaya | - | - | - | 0.4 | 0.4 | - | - | - | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| Mizoram | - | - | - | Neg. | 0.1 | - | - | - | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| Nagaland | - | 0.9 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | - | 11.8 | 11.8 | 26.4 | 26.4 |
| Orissa | 45.0 | 45.8 | 46.4 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 165.4 | 360.0 | 368.4 | 24.4 | 19.0 |
| Punjab | 2.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 6.9 | 48.2 | 18.1 | 18.1 | 25.1 | 14.7 |
| Rajasthan | 19.7 | 20.2 | 25.4 | 24.6 | 28.3 | 113.5 | 120.7 | 173.3 | 165.1 | 208.4 |
| Tamil Nadu | 24.8 | 37.2 | 38.4 | 30.9 | 31.5 | 187.7 | 289.7 | 315.7 | 302.8 | 282.4 |
| Tripura | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 25.5 | 24.9 | 28.2 | 24.0 | 25.2 | 262.8 | 303.0 | 392.3 | 338.2 | 278.5 |
| Uttaranchal | $ | - | - | 1.8 | 1.7 | - | - | 24.5 | 24.0 | |
| Pondicherry | Neg. | Neg. | Neg. | Neg. | Neg. | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Delhi | - | - | - | 0.0 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| All India | 397.9 | 468.1 | 493.3 | 421.9 | 452.5 | 3617.4 | 5331.9 | 4899.5 | 4550.5 | 4796.3 |

Neg. - Negligible

$ Area, Production and productivity estimates are available from the year 2000-01 for newly carved-out States